World Bank assistance for development of mines

3134. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank is providing financial assistance for development of mining sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details of financial allocation made by the World Bank during the last five years; and

(c) the details of achievements made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) No, Sir. The World Bank is not providing any financial assistance for the development of the non-atomic, non-ferrous and non-fuel mining sector in the country.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Earnings from suburban commuters

3135. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether nearly 60 per cent railway commuters travel in suburban trains;

(b) if so, whether these 60 per cent contribute only 11 per cent of total revenue from passenger fare; and

(c) if so, the reasons for less realisation from suburban commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Although suburban passengers constitute about 60% of the total number of passengers, the suburban passenger kilometers account for only 19.75% of the total, because of short lead travels. The earning percentage is however even

less, because of the policy followed by the railways to offer public transport facility at affordable prices for the common man.

Gauge conversion, track renewals and route electrification in Andhra Pradesh

3136. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of gauge conversion, track renewal and route electrification works undertaken in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, till date, year-wise;

(b) whether new lines were also added during the said years;

(c) if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(d) how much budget has been earmarked for these purposes during 2001-2002, the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No new gauge conversions in the state of Andhra Pradesh have been sanctioned during the last three years. However, the details on ongoing gauge conversion projects in the state are as under:

Name of Work	Year of approval	Proposed Budget outlay 2001-2002 (Rs. in cr.)	Status
1	2	3	4
Secunderabad-Mudkhed and Jankhampet-Bodhan	1997-98	19.87	Work has been taken up in phases and first phase work between Mudkhed-Nizamabad is presently in progress.
Secunderabad-Dronachellam	1992-93	0.55	The work has been completed